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+ The forced retirement of USSR Defense Minister Sokolov on 30 May and his replacement by Dmitry Yazov occasioned the issuance of [redacted] by the FBIS Wire Service. The TASS English report announcing the Soviet actions. [redacted]

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+ The FBIS satellite dish at Headquarters began providing consumers with two television newscasts from ITV, Great Britain's commercial network. The newscasts, shown at 1245 and 1700 Washington time each day, currently feature extensive coverage of the British political campaign leading up to the 11 June elections. [redacted]

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+ In support of a White House initiative, the Counterterrorism Center requested priority translation by FBIS of a White Paper into several languages. Translations of the 40-page document on Middle East terrorism are to be released in conjunction with an upcoming Presidential statement. The translations into Spanish and French, originally given a 7-day deadline, were suddenly required by the State Department in 2 days. FBIS/JPRS completed the Spanish version and assisted the Center with the French version within the shortened deadline. Translations into various other languages are being completed on a more routine basis. [redacted]

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+ On 31 May, the FBIS Key West Bureau provided VOA Master Control in Washington with a 10-hour live phone patch of a new Moscow English radio program being broadcast each Sunday. VOA needed to listen to the broadcast live in order to advise USIA Director Charles Z. Wick, who was in Moscow at the time, of the program's content. FBIS technical analysis of the signal indicates that it is transmitted from Moscow by satellite via Cuba. While reception was good at Key West, the signal lost strength some 50 miles north and was heard with poor to very poor reception in Miami and Ft. Lauderdale. [redacted]

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